

## Greetings from Ambassadors



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In the year 2018, Japan and Sweden will celebrate 150 years of diplomatic relations. This special Anniversary year will be celebrated through a range of activities in both Japan and Sweden. As Ambassadors, we are delighted to note such positive response and enthusiasm from different parts of the Japanese-Swedish community. We believe that 2018 will be an eventful and exciting year.

Over the past 150 years, Japan and Sweden have developed a close partnership in a wide range of areas: business, trade, science, innovation, academia, international and social affairs, culture, creative industries etc. The Anniversary year gives us an opportunity to draw attention to these many existing Japanese-Swedish collaborations and – most importantly – inspire new and strengthened partnerships for the future. We hope that you will join in the celebrations together with us!

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## Events

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● Exhibition ● Festival/Performance ● Seminar/Workshop

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| <b>Mar</b> | ● Masterpieces – 400 years of Japanese Ceramics (Höganäs)  |
| <b>Apr</b> | ● Integration and Disintegration in the Japanese Vision of Society 5.0 (Nacka)<br>● The Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 (Stockholm)<br>● Hanami Festival (Göteborg)   |
| <b>May</b> | ● Comics Festival (Stockholm)<br>● Japan –Traditions & Pop Culture (Vellinge)<br>● Birds at the Castle (Vadstena)<br>● Hokusai (Lidingö)<br>● Noh Theater Performance (Stockholm)<br>● 共鳴 (Samklang) concert (Stockholm) |
| <b>Jun</b> | ● Art Brut (Stockholm)<br>● MIRAI Workshop (Göteborg)<br>● Between Birch and Bamboo (Falun)<br>● Haiku in focus! (Multi. venues)<br>● Thread-Neon-Origami (Borgholm)   |
| <b>Aug</b> | ● Performing arts - Pandora och Asken - (Stockholm) (or July)<br>● YAMATO, the drummers of Japan (Multi. venues)   |
| <b>Sep</b> | ● International Academic Conference "Manga, Comics and Japan" (Stockholm)  |
| <b>Nov</b> | ● Sweden-Japan Concert by Sweden Radio Choir and Choir Hagi (Stockholm)  |



SWEDEN-JAPAN  
日本 スウェーデン 2018

The 150th anniversary  
of the establishment  
of diplomatic relations  
between Japan and Sweden



**Sushi? Cherry blossom? Skiing?**

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# 1868.II.II

Diplomatic relationship between Japan and Sweden is established.

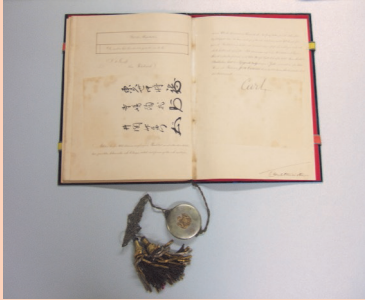


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## 1873

The Iwakura Mission, a Japanese diplomatic delegation, visits Sweden.

## 1904

The Japanese Legation in Sweden opens.

## 1912

Japan participates in the Olympic Games for the first time in Stockholm.



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## 1949

Dr. Hideki Yukawa, the first Japanese Nobel Laureate, is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.



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## 1968, 1987, 1988

Okazaki and Uddevalla / Tobetsu and Leksand: Sister city relations are established.  
Esashi and Sollefteå: Start of local government exchanges.

## 1990

The Japanese Tea House "Zui-Ki-Tei" is rebuilt in Stockholm.

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Photo: Uppsala University

## 2007

Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan visit Sweden in May.  
Their Majesties The King and Queen of Sweden visit Japan in March.

## 2017

Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe of Japan, visits Sweden.



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## 2018

150th Anniversary!!

# And beyond

## 2020

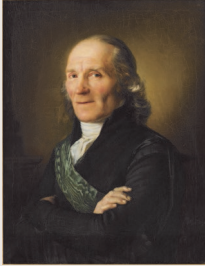
TOKYO Olympics and Paralympics

In 1868, the diplomatic relationship between Japan and Sweden was established. During the past 150 years, the Governments and the peoples of Japan and Sweden have nurtured close partnerships. They include political, business, academic and cultural ties. We aim to further widen and deepen them.

# 150 years

## 1775

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Long before official relationship was established, Carl Peter Thunberg visited Japan which led him to write "Flora Japonica (1784)".